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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3821

This resolution adopts the MTC Public Participation Plan.

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Re: MTC Public Participation Plan

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 3821

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 *et seq.* and is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC is committed to involving interested Bay Area residents, as well as public agencies and officials, Tribal governments, freight providers and other interested parties in the development of transportation plans and programs in a manner consistent with the Safe, Accountable Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA, PL 109-59) and pursuant to requirements of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration that metropolitan planning organizations adopt and periodically update public participation plans [23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613]; and

WHEREAS, MTC in March 2006, MTC, as part of adopting principles on Environmental Justice, committed to "Create an open and transparent public participation process that empowers low-income communities and communities of color to participate in decision making that affects them"; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, MTC, recognizing the value to be gained from listening to and learning from many voices from throughout the diverse nine-county Bay Area, developed the attached Public Participation Plan after numerous conversations, meetings, surveys, focus groups and a public hearing with a wide array of interests; now, therefore, be it

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<u>RESOLVED</u>, that MTC adopts the Public Involvement Procedures attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment A; and, be it further

<u>RESOLVED</u>, that Attachment A shall be revised periodically by MTC as part of its ongoing commitment to inform and include the people of the Bay Area in its decision-making process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes MTC resolutions 2648 (Federal Public Involvement Procedures, 2003) and 3351 (Public Involvement Action Plan, 2001), and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to implement and administer the Commission's Public Participation Plan, and shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, and to other agencies as appropriate.

Bill Dodd, Chair

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on September 26, 2007.

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> Attachment A Resolution No. 3821

The Public Participation Plan is on file in the offices of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607.